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### **NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian today announced that JAMES ELLIOTT, 50, of Lowville, New York, was sentenced today in United States District Court in Syracuse following his conviction for producing child pornography. ELLIOTT had pled guilty in January, 2010 to taking sexually explicit images of a 4 year old child in 2007.

As a result of his offense, Chief United States District Judge Hon. Norman A. Mordue today sentenced ELLIOTT to 264 months (22 years) in federal prison to be followed by a lifetime term of supervised release.

ELLIOTT'S arrest was the result of an investigation by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police. The joint effort is a part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

The case was being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Fletcher, who can be reached at 448-0672.